



# Grants in Aid Advisory Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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Avelino J. Halagao, Jr., Chair  
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Helen H. Hamada, Commissioner  
Grant Kagimoto, Commissioner  
Kenneth T. Uemura, Commissioner

## MINUTES

### MEETING

Friday, JANUARY 26, 2018

10:00 A.M.

MISSION MEMORIAL HEARINGS ROOM  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Grants in Aid (GIA) Advisory Commission (Commission) was called to order by Chair Avelino J. Halagao, Jr. at 10:00 a.m.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present: Vincent L. Baldemor, Avelino J. Halagao, Jr., Helen H. Hamada (10:18 am), Grant Kagimoto, and Kenneth T. Uemura.

Staff Resources Personnel present:

Shane Akagi, Office of Grants Management (OGM), Department of Community Services (DCS)

Tammy Chase-Brunelle, OGM, DCS

Susan Fernandez, Deputy Director, DCS

Debra Lee, Secretary, OGM, DCS

Crysttal Steiner, OGM, DCS

Lynn Wakatsuki, Deputy Corporation Counsel, assigned to the Commission

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– January 26, 2018

A Motion was made by Commissioner Uemura to accept the January 23, 2018 Minutes. Commissioner Baldemor seconded the motion and hearing no objections from the Commissioners present, the minutes was approved unanimously.

### 4. TESTIMONY/COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT/AGENCIES AND THE PUBLIC

#### a. Presentation from the Department of Community Services

- i. Shane Akagi introduced DCS Deputy Director Susan Fernandez to the Commission and recognized OGM staff Debra Lee, Tammy Chase-Brunelle, and Crysttal Steiner for their help compiling the meeting minutes and managing the sign in of testifiers.
- ii. Mr. Akagi also stated that the conflict of interest forms requested in the January 23, 2018 meeting was e-mailed to the Commissioners and to let him know if they had not received them.

Chair Halagao thanked OGM in helping to facilitate the Commission meetings

#### b. Agency/Public Testimonies of All Agenda Items

- 1) Ms. Vanessa Distajo of The Outdoor Circle provided verbal and written testimony in support of their Kamanele Park Project proposal. Ms. Betty Lou Kam, Chair of the Mayor's Commission on Culture and Arts, submitted written testimony in support of this proposal
- 2) Mr. Jack Durham and Ms. Ann Egleston, volunteers with Hawaii Meals on Wheels each provided written testimony in support of the Hawaii Meals on Wheels proposal.
- 3) Mr. Anthony Aalto of Green Island Films provided written and verbal testimony in support of Blue Planet Foundation's Pilikia film proposal. Mr. Chip Fletcher, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dr. Steven Businger, Ph.D., of the University of Hawaii; Ms. Gayle J. Loeber, Director of Programing & Information with the National Educational Telecommunications Association; and Mr. Rick Blangiardi, General Manager of Hawaii New Now, each provided written testimony in support of this proposal.
- 4) Ms. Jean Brokish, Executive Director of the O'ahu Resource Conservation & Development Council, provided written testimony in support of their proposal. Mr. Steve Bolosan, of Na Mea Kupono; Mr. Bill Martin of Island X Hawaii; Mr. Daniel Carroll of GoFar Hawai'i-Waialua; Mr. Rob Barreca of Counter Culture LLC; Mr. Michael Conway of Dole Food Company Hawaii; Ms. Pomai Weigert of Hawaii Agritourism Association; Dr. Linda J. Cox, Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and Ms. Roxana Jimenez of North Shore Chamber of Commerce each provided written support of this proposal.
- 5) Ms. Peggy Mierzwa of HMSA provided written testimony in support of Bikeshare Hawaii's proposal. Ms. Patricia Johnson of Biki/Blue Zones/Honolulu Bicycle League Collaboration and Ms. Justine Espiritu of Bikeshare Hawaii each provided verbal testimony in support of Bikeshare Hawaii's proposal.

Chair Halagao disclosed he was the lead for Blue Zones Manoa, however, as this grant application is for Bikeshare Hawaii, he does not believe he needs to recuse himself from scoring this proposal.

- 6) Mr. J. Kanekoa Kukea-Shultz of The Nature Conservancy provided verbal and written testimony in support of their proposal.
- 7) Ms. Caroline Hayashi, President of the Waikiki Community Center, provided written testimony in support of their proposal.
- 8) Ms. Fawn Liebengood of 808 Cleanups presented both verbal and written testimony in support of their proposal and Mr. Michael Loftin, also of 808 Cleanups, presented verbal testimony in support of this proposal.
- 9) Ms. Chelsea Harder of O`ahu Economic Development Board/Hawai`i Green Growth presented verbal testimony in support of their proposal. Ms. Celeste Connors, Executive Director of Hawai`i Green Growth, provided written testimony for this proposal.
- 10) Mr. Glenn Goya of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 11) Ms. Evelyn Hua of the National Kidney Foundation provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 12) Mr. Frank Yim of Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 13) Ms. Roberta Au Young of Guide Dogs of Hawaii provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 14) Ms. Stephanie Ryan of the Oahu Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 15) Mr. Doug Harper of Malama Maunaloa provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 16) Ms. Kathleen Wyatt of Hale Hau`oli Hawaii provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 17) Mr. Kaulana McCabe of KUPU provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.

Commissioner Kagimoto disclosed that a relative works at KUPU and that he is consulting with the City's Ethics Commission regarding this situation.

- 18) Mr. Aaron Ellis of Feed the Hunger Foundation provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 19) Ms. Leslie Lam of St. Francis Healthcare Foundation provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 20) Mr. Dennis Oshiro of Hawaii HomeOwnership Center provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 21) Mr. Poha Sonoda-Burgess of Waianae Coast Community Mental Health Center, Inc. provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 22) Ms. T.J. Joseph of Honolulu Habitat for Humanity provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal. Commissioner Uemura requested that Mr. Akagi check the Executive Summary provided to the Commissioners as the grant activity and outcomes described on it did not match the testimony provided by Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Akagi stated that he would check into it and provide a response to the Commission.
- 23) Ms. Diane Terada of Catholic Charities of Hawaii provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.
- 24) Ms. Rona Fukumoto of Lanakila Pacific provided verbal testimony in support of their proposal.

5. FOR DISCUSSION: FY2019 Grants in Aid Proposals Primarily Related to the Grant Activity Type "Environment", "Community Development", "Economic Development", and "Seniors"

There was no discussion.

6. NEXT MEETING

Chair Halagao stated that the next Commission meeting will be on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Mission Memorial Hearings Room.


7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Halagao moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Uemura so moved and Commissioner Kagimoto seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Shane Akagi, OGM Administrator

APPROVED:

  
Chair Avelino J. Halagao, Jr.  
1-29-18  
Date

The minutes of the Commission Meeting on  
January 26, 2018 were approved at the  
January 29, 2018 Commission Meeting

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Vincent L. Baldemor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Avelino J. Halagao, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Helen H. Hamada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grant Kagimoto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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